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Above: *(L. to R.) Mattapoisett Selectman Jordan Collyer, Mr. Arthur C. Potter, Selectman Steve Lombard, Selectman Ray Andrews, and Mrs.Cecilie C. Potter, pose with the American flag recently presented to the Town of Mattapoisett by their son, Gunnery Sergeant Caleb C. Potter, USMC, 2nd Marine Division. This flag flew over Camp Blue Diamond, Ar Ramadi (Provincal Capital) Al Anbar, Province of Iraq, on Veterans Day, November 11, 2005, and will be kept on display in the Mattapoisett Town Hall. (Photo courtesy of Ray Andrews).*

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Old Glory

Mattapoisett Receives National Ensign

During last week's Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen's meeting, town residents Arthur C. Potter and Cecilie C. Potter presented the town fathers with an American flag on behalf of their son, Gunnery Sergeant Caleb C. Potter, US Marine Corps. Currently on active duty and commencing his 20th year of service, Sergeant Potter wished to present the flag which was flown during combat operations on Veterans' Day, November 11, 2005, to his hometown.

"Veterans Day holds great reverence to me," Sergeant Potter wrote in a letter accompanying the donation.

Above: *Mark Parisi, creator of "off the mark" will be on hand Sunday, December 18 from noon to 2pm at the Old Company Store on Elm Street in Wareham to sign copies of his 2006 Daily Calendar.*

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The American flag presented to the Town of Mattapoisett flew over Camp Blue Diamond, Ar Ramadi, in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq on November 11, 2005 and will likewise be flown outside the Mattapoisett Town Hall on every subsequent Veterans Day. During the rest of the year, the flag will be kept on display inside the Mattapoisett Town Hall.

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Christmas Past

Christmas on Leyte

By Virginia Morgan

The following remembrance was written by Rod Serling of an incident that happened during World War II. The location is different, but the Christmas season can be a lonely one for servicemen and women stationed in a far away battle site. Today, those serving away from loved ones deserve our thoughts and prayers.

My late husband, Charles A. Morgan, served with Rod Serling, who in later years became the writer and producer of the television program *The Twilight Zone.* The following was first published in 1963:

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It was a gray morning carved out of gray clay and shadowed by fog. It was not just a time — it was a mood — the kind of mood that is a part of the province of combat and never conveyed vicariously to the human being who has not lived physically with the tension, the violence, and anguish of protracted war. But the 1800 men I make mention of — they'll remember it. And they'll remember that morning. It came after a month of nameless, dateless days in a month. Because war is like that. It is separated into moments of survival, and the passage of time is unheeded except to chronicle the fact that some

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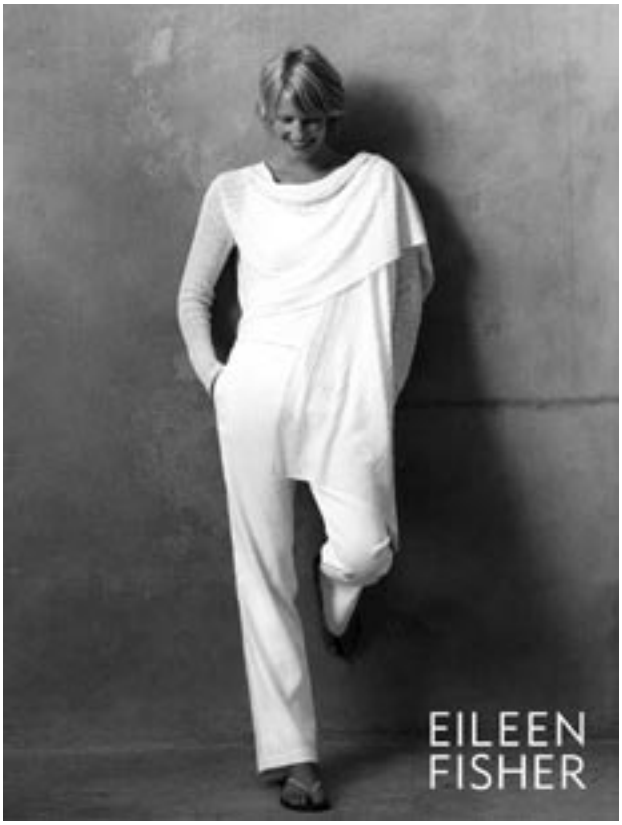

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have lived and some have died.

A nineteen-year-old Second Looie got to his feet and spoke through the first beard he had ever worn. "All right — on your feet. Let's move out."

We rose — the packs, the ammo belts, weaponry, all fused to us like extensions of our bodies, the weights so constant that it was all part of us — and we began to plod slowly through the ankle-deep mud ... a long line of dirty, bearded samenesses.

And then somebody far up the line stopped dead, and there was a whispered message that went down through the ranks ... The whispered voice of the man in front of me said, "It's Christmas."

I continued to lift my feet up one after the other, weighed down by the fifty pounds of equipment attached to a sparse, 100-pound frame, and suddenly I wasn't aware of the cold rain. I wasn't conscious of the mud that clung. I gave no thought to the sick little ache, deep inside the gut, that had been with us for so many days. Someone had just transformed the world. Two words had just reminded us that this was the earth and this was mankind and that people still lived and that we did, also. "It's Christmas."

And then a scratchy, discordant monotone voice way up front started to sing. "O Come, All Ye Faithful." Someone else picked it up and then we all sang. We sang as we walked through the mud. We sang as we led the wounded by the hand and carried the litters and looked back on the row of homemade crosses left behind. We sang, "O Come, All Ye Faithful." It had come indeed — the Holy Day. The day of all days. It was Christmas.

Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

December 12, 2005

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, December 12 at 6:52 pm by Chairman Gary Laboa. Also present were Selectman Richard Nunes, Selectman Bradford Morse, Town Administrator James Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

The board first met with the members of the Rochester Historical Commission to discuss the postponement of their application to place the town's historic dis-

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trict on the National Register of Historic Places. Recently resident Frank Cabral came before the Board of Selectmen to oppose the inclusion of his property on the application and requested that it be delayed long enough to gauge residents' willingness to participate.

"We just came in tonight to say we've been working very hard," said Anna White of the Rochester Historical Commission. "But as of 5:00 today, we heard that the Massachusetts Historical Commission has granted us (an application) extension."

Betty Beaulieu of the Historical Commission then read a written response from the Massachusetts Historical Commission advising that they have agreed to hold further action on their application for inclusion on the

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"I think this pretty much answers it," Ms. Beaulieu said.

A public hearing was scheduled for later in the week to give residents the opportunity to offer their input on the proposed Historic District plan.

After approving the minutes of the November 22 and December 5 Selectmen's meetings and the December 6 Historic Commission meeting, the board unanimously approved payment of $1,000 to cover Rochester's share of the tree removal project at ORR High School to install a MET Tower at the site to test wind speed for a future wind power turbine.

Mr. Huntoon advised the board he has sent out letters to the various union heads informing them that the town is considering leaving the Plymouth County insurance carrier and possibly joining the Gateway Health Insurance Group to which Mattapoisett and Marion now belong.

At 7:05 pm the board met with Police Chief Paul Magee to recommend the appointment of Amy bosquin and Kathy Masse as Assistant Animal Control Officers (ACOs) and Assistant Animal Inspectors for the town. With that, the board unanimously voted to appoint both as recommended.

Chief Magee also advised the board he was recently solicited by someone from Verizon Wireless about the department's paging system. "We're paying about $10 a pager now and with Verizon it would cost about half

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Chief Magee said the town is now using USA Mobility, previously Arch (Communications), and switching to Verizon would be a significant cost savings. With that, the board gave Chief Magee permission to look into obtaining their pager service through Verizon.

The board next met with resident Antonio A. Sol and Highway Surveyor Jeffrey G. Eldridge to discuss the drainage problem at Mr. Sol's Cushman Road property. This matter was a continuation of the issue first raised by Mr. Sol at last week's Selectmen's meeting, wherein he wanted to make Mr. Eldridge aware that changes in the road have increased the runoff onto his property which has been collecting at the entrance to his driveway. Mr. Eldridge, however, could not attend the last Selectmen's meeting.

"I want to first request a copy of the minutes from the December 5 meeting," Mr. Sol said.

After being provided with the minutes and taking the time to read them, Mr. Sol questioned if either Selectman Laboa or Selectman Morse were aware of anything that "happened" on his property on Cushman Road, since it was Selectman Nunes who first served as the liaison between the board and Mr. Sol. They both said they were unaware of the situation on Mr. Sol's property.

"Are we trying to get the problem solved or are we here to point fingers and blame people?" Chairman

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Laboa asked.

Mr. Sol said he wanted to get the problem resolved and next requested the board view some photographs taken of his property and the drainage problem in question.

"All this water is draining onto my property now," Mr. Sol said, adding that it wasn't a problem until fairly recently.

Chairman Laboa reiterated that at last week's meeting they presented Mr. Sol with an agreement drawn up by Mr. Eldridge and Mr. Huntoon to rectify the problem by diverting the water into a culvert off Cushman Road and into the so-called "cow pond" on Mr. Sol's property.

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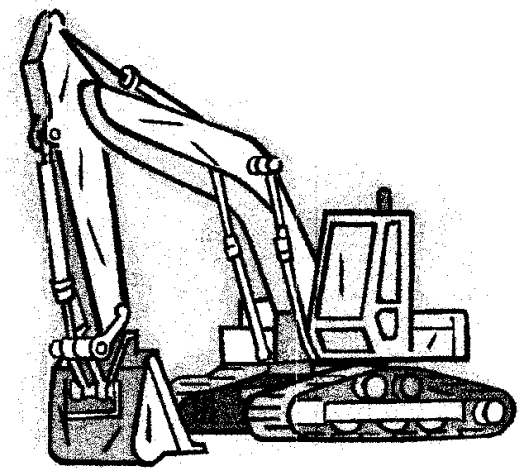

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"The agreement we wrote up last week offered some possible solutions," Chairman Laboa said.

"Water never drained into my driveway over 65 years," Mr. Sol said. "Now a quarter of a mile of the road is draining down into my front driveway. I called Mr. Eldridge ... he never returned any calls. So let him make a move, please."

Mr. Eldridge said he wrote up the proposed work agreement. "That's what I think needs to be done (to solve the drainage problem)," Mr. Eldridge said. "The road used to be lower than Mr. Sol's driveway, that's why there wasn't water there. Right now, the water can't get under his driveway ... to drain into the cow pond. In my opinion, that's what needs to be done."

Mr. Sol said he didn't want the road runoff contaminating the pond on his property because his cows drink that water.

"Without running the water into the pond, is there any other way to solve the problem?" Chairman Laboa asked.

"Evaporation," Mr. Eldridge said. "It's the lowest point on the street ... I can't make water run uphill."

"I think the scope of work put together by the Highway Department is a reasonable approach to solve the problem," Chairman Laboa said.

"I'm not accepting it," Mr. Sol said. "I want a layout ... and dimensions before I say anything."

"If that's not acceptable to you, obviously there are other means of recourse," Chairman Laboa said,

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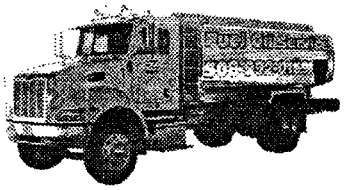

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At 7:35 pm the board met with Richard Cutler of the Rochester Land Trust regarding their recent response to the Steven Sol property being removed from a Chapter 61A conservation restriction.

"It's not clear to us that proper procedures are being followed with this property ... (and) whether this is a proper purchase-and-sale agreement," Mr. Cutler said.

"We did get a purchase-and-sale agreement from them," Mr. Huntoon said.

"It's not necessarily the Land Trust's desire to hold this up," Mr. Cutler added. "We just want to make sure that this and (all future) conservation restrictions are done properly."

With that, the board unanimously voted to send this matter to Town Counsel for review.

Mr. Cutler also briefly discussed the Land Trust's desire to have an affordable housing plan in place so as to be "proactive" and not "reactive" to any future Chapter 40B housing proposals.

"The Land Trust is still extemely interested in doing something with affordable housing," Mr. Cutler said. "We're hoping to get something in place procedurally in town so when another piece of property comes along, we can (consider) an affordable housing option. We're going to get hammered someday and we're not ready for it."

Under Old Business, Selectman Morse suggested setting up a meeting with the members of the Rochester

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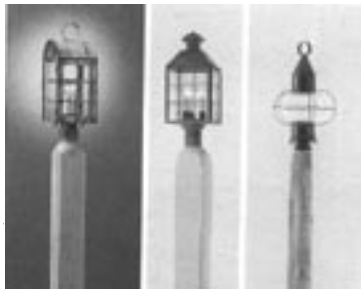

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School Committee to discuss some timely issues, including recent concerns over building maintenance at Rochester Memorial School and ORR School District Facilities Director Steve Shiraka's role in that process.

In other matters, the board:

• Received payment in lieu of taxes from SEMASS in the amount of $261,183 for refuse collected during the month of November 2005.

• Received notice that the Plumb Memorial Library will hold their Holiday Get Together on December 21.

• Received an invoice from Town Counsels Perry, Hicks, Crotty and Deshaies, LLP, in the amount of $3,867.09 for legal services rendered.

Animal Advice

Jay Gould, DVM

VOMITING CATS

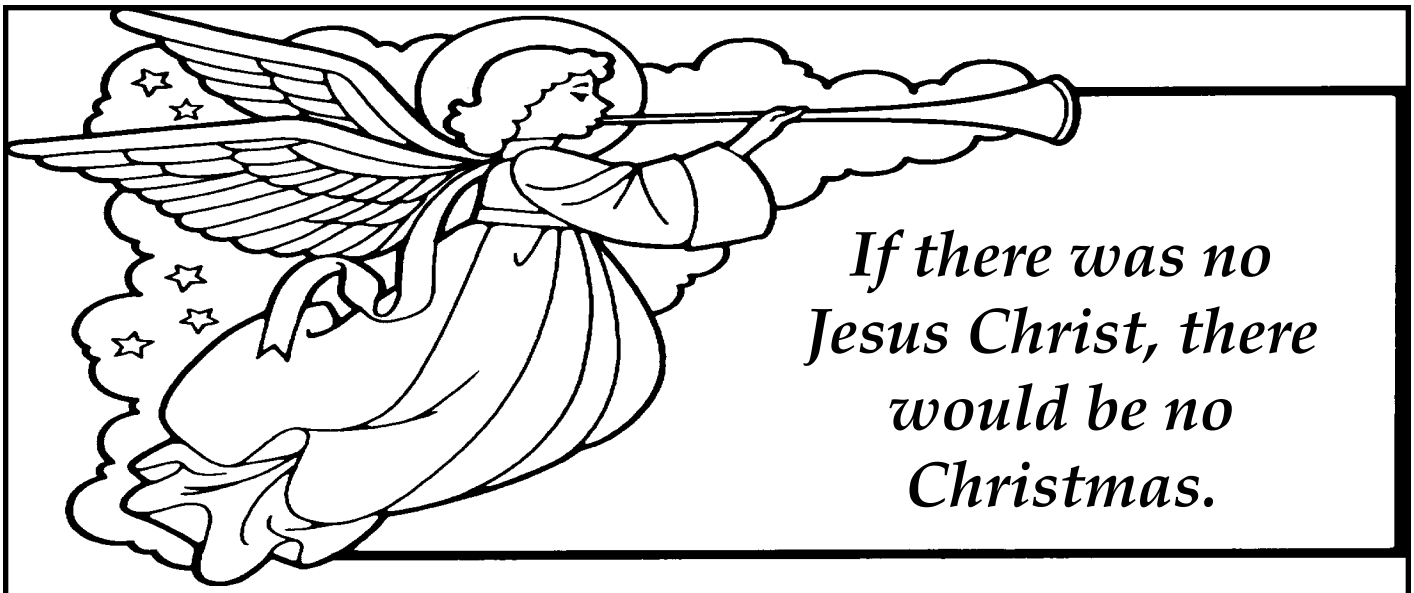
I have 2 cats. Both have vomited in the house a few times a week since I have owned them. The 5 year old female really pigs out. She eats her dry cat food really fast and then vomits it about 5 minutes later. We try feeding her small, frequent meals and that seems to help but it is labor intensive. Do you have any thoughts?

Cats that eat their food very rapidly and then vomit need to have their food intake slowed down. Try covering the food with 2-4 golf balls. The cat will have to nudge the balls out of the way to get a mouthfull and this will slow down their eating. Changing from dry to canned food may also help but will make more of a mess if it doesn't stay down.

My other cat has always vomited 3-4 times a week. She vomits, food sometimes and just yellow frothy bile at others. Occasionally there is a clump of hair in the vomit. She seems healthy and happy otherwise. What can I do to help her?

This may be more difficult to manage. Cats with this pattern of vomiting may have a number of problems. Two of the more common are a bacterial infection in the stomach caused by Helicobacter felis or a condition called inflammatory bowel disease. Try changing your cats diet to a different kind of food. Often the use of a premium cat food will help. If 2-3 diet changes over a couple of months is not helpful then discuss the problem with your veterinarian.

Dr. Gould can be reached at the Mattapoisett Animal Hospital (508) 758-6400



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There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:20 pm.

Sports Shorts

By Erica Nelson

Winter Kickoff

The **Old Rochester Boys Hockey Team** started their season off this past week with a pre-season tournament game against Carver High School held at the Taunton Ice Rink. **Coach Jay Hiller** had senior captains **Walter Hartley** and **Pat Haverty** starting for the Bulldogs along with **Jack Donovan**, **John Hartley**, and **Derek Clarke**. Junior **Brandon Correia** and sophomore and only girl on the team, **Christie Pineida**, split time in the goal. Both Correia and Pineida had shut-outs, with the Bulldog team coming out on top with a score of 9-0.

Nick Coran, **Tim Mathews**, **Walter Hartley**, **Joey Frade**, **Zach Sherman**, and **Dave Wilson** of Fairhaven were among those bringing in the goals for ORR this game. The boys are optimistic about the season ahead and will face Harwich-Provincetown away this Friday at 7:00 pm.

Always a crowd favorite, the **Girls Basketball Team** was scheduled to begin their season last Friday with an away game versus the Dartmouth Indians. Unfortunately, due to bad weather, the team found themselves at Dartmouth High School only to be told to turn the bus

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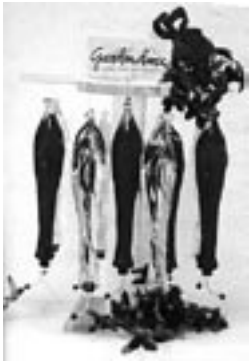

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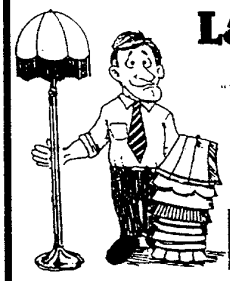

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around, the game has been rescheduled. Girls **Coach Bob Hohne** had a few things to say about the team. With the loss of the team's top scorer **Cayla Clancy** to graduation, and the sudden loss of senior captain **Kateri Shockro** to injury, the team had some rebuilding to do in their offense. Junior **Maura Jones** has stepped up to the plate and performed very well. Honhe believes she will be an asset to team this year. Newcomer freshman **Emma Lagreze** has been added to the varsity roster and is expected to bring a lot to the team. When asked about his expectations for the season Hohne said, "We will show up for every game."

On the other end, the **Boys Basketball Team** got off to a rocky start last Friday, suffering a loss at home to the Sandwich Knights. Senior captain **Sam Forgue** lead the team in scoring, putting 11 points on the board. The relatively young team is coached this year by Old Rochester history teacher **Steve Carvalho**. The boys will have another go at the Sandwich team this Friday away at 7:00 pm.

Mattapoisett Recreation

• **Mattapoisett Recreation** is kicking off the **Fourth to Sixth Grade Basketball Season** with **Mid-Day Madness** on **Saturday, January 7 at Old Hammondtown School** starting at 11:00 am. Volunteers (team parents) are needed ... please contact Debbie Soares at 508-758-4252 for more details.

• **Third Grade Girls and Boys Basketball**: Sign-ups will be held on **Thursday, January 5 from 5:00 to 7:00**

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• **Baseball / Girls Softball**: Sign-ups will be on **Saturday, January 14** and **Saturday, January 28 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon** in the Old Hammondtown School Gymnasium. Any child ages 5 to 12 before April 30, 2006 is eligible for baseball and girls in Grades 3 to 8 are eligible for softball. Registrations may be mailed in but must be received by January 30 (team size for baseball is limited, so late registration may result in your child being placed on a waiting list). Upcoming clinics, tryouts and other information will be posted on the website (**www.**

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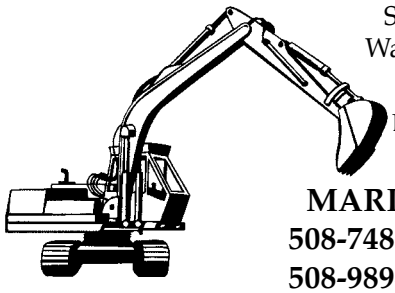

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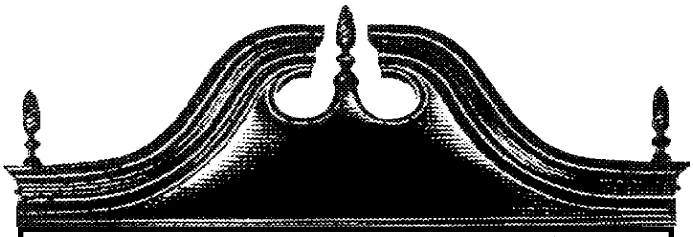

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Dates and times for the upcoming courses are as follows:

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Course enrollment is available to any soccer coach in the state who meets the prerequisites for the course. Coaches can enroll online under Course Descriptions in the Coaches section of the MYSA website, **www.mayouthsoccer.org**. All courses are being held at **Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School in Rochester**. Contact person is **Ray M. Cabral, Mariner Technical Director, at 508-728-1377** or **rcabral@umassd.edu**.

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"Before children can do good in their communities, they need to understand what charity is," Ms. Watson said. She explained that the easiest way for young children to understand charity is to see it in action among family members.

For example, if a grandparent isn't feeling well, suggest that your child make a get-well card. If one child has a difficult day at school, invite the others to help you bake a treat for him or her. This helps a child become more sensitive to the needs and feelings of other people.

Ms. Watson also recommended a holiday "caring" project that teaches the importance of nurturing living things and helps children recognize people who care for them. Have your child plant seeds in two pots, then instruct him or her to water, feed, prune, and talk to one plant, while intentionally neglecting the other one. As the plants develop, discuss the people who care for your child and how much better plants and people do when they are well cared for. When the thriving plant is full grown, ask the child to decorate the pot and give it to a special caregiver.

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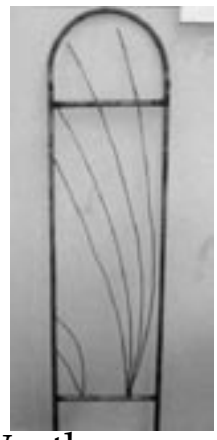

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

The Mattapoisett Friends would like to thank all those who stopped by as well as those who cooked and provided supplies for their recent Heifer Project Brunch. Ninety three guests raised $1,245 for Heifer International. In addition we appreciate the farm fresh eggs from Warren Bowman, Chapel Road in Mattapoisett, the wonderful bacon from Georgies on Route 6 in Mattapoisett, and support from Shaws in Fairhaven and The Gourmet Outlet at Sid Wainers in New Bedford.

Sincerely,
Alan Harris
Marion

To the Editor:

[Editor's Note: The following is an open letter address to all Marion residents.]

We are happy to report that the annual tradition of summer fireworks will return (to Marion) in 2006! The 75 percent of residents who responded positively in last year's survey, along with contributions sent in response to our August appeal convinced the (Board of) Selectmen of the support for the fireworks. About $20,000 was sent in, and the Summer Fireworks Committee was given the go ahead to proceed with the planning.

The Police and Fire Departments and the Harbormaster are helping us plan an evening that will be both fun and safe. Because the size of the crowd is always a concern, we plan to coordinate the date of Marion's display with the fireworks of Onset and New Bedford so that the crowds will be spread out

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and put less pressure on the village area. Consequently, the exact day of the Marion fireworks is yet to be determined. As always, our thanks to Village residents for tolerating the traffic and crowd for a few hours!

Although well on our way, we need $15,000 to reach our $35,000 goal. If you have already donated towards the fireworks, "Thank you!" If you have not and enjoy watching/attending the fireworks, please do! We need your support. If everyone contributes something, the closer we'll be to our goal. Donations at all levels — small or large — are what make the fireworks happen and the display a memorable one. Please make your checks payable to "Town of Marion – Fireworks," and send it to the Marion Town Hall, Attention: Fireworks Committee, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season.

Sincerely,
Reg Foster; Holly Danhauser; Eric Coble; Chris Collings; Victoria and David Croll; Sis Durkee; Pam Stone Evans; Pat McBride; Tom Owens; Allyn Streeter; Anthony Ucci; Jim Weinberg
Marion Summer Fireworks Committee

To the Editor:

Seeking information on Grinnell Minturn & Company:

Ancestors of my family, the Grinnells, were involved in the construction of lighthouses in New England in the mid-1800s. William Henry Grinnell and his firm Grinnell Minturn & Company, were initially involved in the shipbuilding and shipping industries of New Bedford, Massachusetts, but later I believe they were involved in building lighthouses.

My purpose for writing is to see if you could assist in helping the Grinnell Family Association identify those lighthouses that were constructed by Grinnell Minturn & Company. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
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Mattapoisett Machacam Club

The Machacam Club will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, January 4, 2006 at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social time is 5:30 pm with dinner service beginning at 6:00 pm.

The speaker this month will be Mike Jennings.

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Mr. Jennings will speak on destroyers and he will include a few of his own experiences aboard the *USS Decatur* in 1964.

Callers are reminded to report their lists no later than 9:00 pm on January 2, 2006.

Rochester Historical Society

On Wednesday, December 21, the Rochester Historical Society will hold its Second Annual Christmas Party. The festivities are open to members and guests alike, so please join them at 7:00 pm at the East Rochester Church Museum, 355 County Road in Rochester. There will be a Christmas carol sing-a-long, gift exchange ($5 gift for male or female) and holiday refreshments. Hope to see you there!

ORCTV Channel 9 Schedule

• Thursday, December 15 – 6:30 pm: Drawing with Dave; 7:00 pm: Whale's Soundings (Fort Rodman); 8:00 pm: Drawing with Dave;

• Friday, December 16 – 6:30 pm: PACE Fuel Assistance; 7:00 pm: Holiday Programming;

• Monday, December 19 – 8:00 pm: Capitol Perspectives (Senator Kennedy); 8:30 pm: Commonwealth Report (Senator Pacheco); 9:00 pm: Polish Hour;

• Tuesday, December 20 – 7:00 pm: Holiday Programming;

• Wednesday, December 21 – 6:30 pm: Marion Selectmen's Meeting (12/20).

ORR Bands in Providence

Recently both the Old Rochester Regional High School's Chorus and Jazz Band/Combo performed at the Providence Convention Center for the Annual Festival of Trees. This event displays holiday crafts and decorated Christmas trees that are for sale with all the proceeds going to a worthy cause. This year, the Roger Williams Zoo in Providence will be the recipient of these funds.

On Saturday evening, December 3, the ORR Chorus under the direction of Mr. Steven Rogers took to the stage at the center. The Chorus performed to an almost full house, singing material from diverse nationalities. "Il

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Le Ne, Le Divin Enfant," a French carol and "Hine Ma Tov," a traditional Israeli song, started off the evening's festivities, followed by the beautiful "Carol of the Bells" and an unusual rendition of "Deck the Halls" performed in 7/8 (seven beats per measure) time, the chorus quickly won over the audience.

Renee Surprenant helped out on electric bass on the traditional American gospel tune "Go Tell It On the Mountain," while Shannon Francis performed on flute for the closing number, "Sing, O Sing." The Chorus and Mr. Rogers enjoyed a standing ovation and, as Chorus member Scott Bissonnette put it: "we had a jolly good time."

On the very next evening, Sunday, December 4, the ORR Jazz Band and Combo performed on the same stage under the direction of Stan Ellis. Starting with the powerful 20-piece big band, the group opened with "Ran Kan Kan," a Latin number which featured solos by trumpeter Peter Fernandes, alto saxophonist Graham Tuxworth, guitarist Scott Bissonnette, tenor saxophonist Michael Barrows, and drummers James Wilhelmsen and Mack Williamson. The lush ballad "Blue" performed by the band and trumpeter Aaron Janik followed. The Glenn Miller style 1940s set of big band material finished up the big band's performance section. The Combo followed performing three songs: "Green Dolphin Street," "Sweet Emma," and "Ruffly Riffin."

Comments about both bands from the audience were extremely positive. One gentleman wanted to know if the band was on tour and the manager of the Providence Convention Center said that this was the best high

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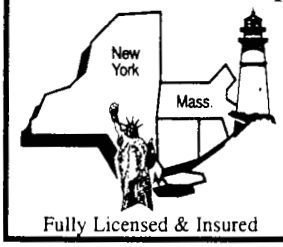

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school band that the festival had seen and questioned Mr. Ellis about a return date performance. It seems that truly a good time was had by all.

Mattapoisett Historical Museum

Holiday Open House

Once again, the Mattapoisett Historical Museum and Carriage House invites the community to celebrate the season at their Annual Christmas Open House at the museum, 5 Church Street in Mattapoisett. On Sunday afternoon, December 18 beginning at 2:00 pm, they welcome guests to the old 1821 Meeting House on Church Street to be entertained by Jean West's String Ensemble from Old Hammondtown School as well as the sharing of

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ORR Students of the Month

Simonne J. Conlon, Principal of Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, recently announced the following "Students of the Month" for December 2005:

• GREEN TEAM – **Sarah Edwards** and **Bruce Fox**;

• ORANGE TEAM – **Caitlin Barker** and **Joseph Thomson**;

• BLUE TEAM – **Erika Belmore** and **Greg Kornichuk**; and

• RED TEAM – **Alexandra Bare** and **Ian Knapton**.

Tinkhamtown Chapel Caroling

Holiday caroling at the Tinkhamtown Chapel in Mattapoisett will be held on Saturday, December 17 beginning at 5:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to join in this celebration of the music of the holidays. The chapel, quaintly lit by oil lamps and heated by a potbellied stove, provides the perfect old-fashioned setting. Any child who attends is invited to join in the children's choir. Proceeds from a freewill offering are used for the upkeep of the chapel. Children and adults who would like to share a favorite prose, song or instrumental, or need directions, should contact Kate Webb at 508-758-2567 or Nancy Tinkham at 508-758-6249.

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Dinner For Two dine-out books are again being sold by the Friends of the Elderly and can be obtained at the Mattapoisett Council on Aging (COA) by calling 508-758-4110 or if you want delivery please call 508-758-9780. They are the same price as last year, $29.95, and if you buy three you get another one FREE. They make nice last-minute gift items for those hard-to-buy people on your list.

ORR Parents Association

The Old Rochester Regional Parents Association (ORRPA) will meet for its January meeting on Wednesday, January 4 at 7:00 pm at the ORR High School Parents Room. This month's presentation will be covering "Internet Safety: What Every Parent Must Know" given by Officer Mitch Suzan and Ms. Angie Vaughn. This meeting is intended to "educate" and not "scare." They will share facts, figures, information and materials about the Internet, in particular, "kid-attractive" sites. Parents will learn ways to keep the Internet a safe and useful tool that it should be ... the coffee's on!

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Mattapoisett Maconchu Club

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The 2006 dog licenses for the Town of Rochester are in. This is a reminder that it is time to come in and license your dog. The fee is $7 for a neutered or spayed pet, or $10 for an unneutered or unsprayed pet. Dogs unlicensed after April 15 will result in owners being fined a late fee of $25. If you are unable to come to the Town Hall to obtain your dog's license, please have someone obtain and fill out the form available at Town Hall and send a stamped self-addressed envelope along with your check (payable to the Town of Rochester) and the license will be mailed to you.

Marion Recreation Skating

Following is the schedule for Marion Recreation Family Time Ice Skating at the Tabor Academy Ice Rink. Skating is open from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm at the rink at a cost of $3 per person on the following dates: Sunday, December 18; Friday, December 23 (12:00 noon to 1:45 pm); Tuesday, December 27; Thursday, December 29; Sunday, January 8; Sunday, January 15; Sunday, January 22; Sunday, January 29; Sunday, February 5; Sunday, February 12; Sunday, February 19; Tuesday, February 21; Thursday, February 23; and Sunday, February 26. Skate at your own risk! The schedule is subject to change and hats, gloves and skates are *always* required for anyone on the ice. Helmets are also required for inexperienced skaters and children under age 6.

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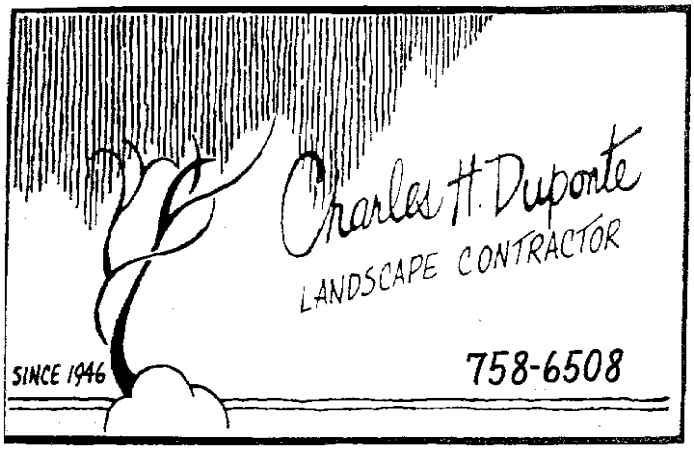

Mattapoisett Council on Aging

The Mattapoisett Council on Aging (COA) is located in Rooms C-130 and C-140 at Center School in Mattapoisett. Enter at the main entrance and parking is across the street near the church carriage shed or in the school lot. The Center is open 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and the phone number is 508-758-4110.

• Thursday, December 15 – Public Health Nurse 9:30 to 11:30 am; Price-Rite 9:30 am;

• Friday, December 16 – Shaw's Trip 8:30 am; Weight Training 9:30 am; Medical Estate Planning Presentation 1:00 pm; Soul Friends Community Chorus 3:30 pm in COA rooms;

• Monday, December 19 – Water Aerobics 8:00 am; SHINE Counselor 9:30 am; Garden Club 10:00 am; Fairhaven Marts/Trip 1:00 pm; Scrabble 1:00 pm;

• Tuesday, December 20 – Stop and Shop/Marts 8:30 am; Public Health Nurse 9:30 to 11:30 am; Handiwork Group 10:00 am; Weight Training 2:00 pm;

• Wednesday, December 21 – Water Aerobics 8:00 am; Lunch with Kindergarten 12:00 noon; Bingo 1:00 pm; Center School Holiday Show at 1:20 pm in the school gym (please call 508-758-4110 to arrange a ride, if needed);

• Thursday, December 22 – Public Health Nurse 9:30 to 11:30 am; Kinsale Inn Lunch 12:00 noon;

• Friday, December 23 – Shaw's Trip 8:30 am; Weight Training 9:30 am.

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Marion Conservation Commission

The Marion Conservation Commission (ConCom) has an immediate opening. The ConCom meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month and usually last less than two hours. Site inspections are held on the Saturday mornings prior to the meetings. No special qualifications are required, just a willingness to learn and regularly attend the scheduled meetings and inspections. Letters of interest should be sent to the Marion Board of Selectmen, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738.

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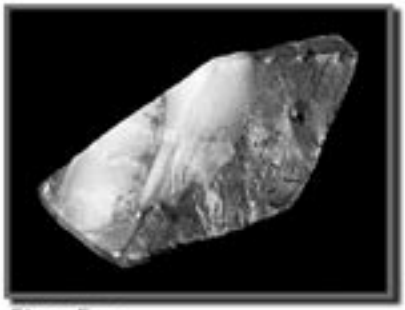

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Rochester Tax Bills

Tax Bills for the Town of Rochester have been mailed out, according to Tax Collector Tom Gayoski. Residents should be aware that payments are due back in his office by **December 27, 2005**. For more information, please call the Tax Collector at 508-763-3871, extension 16.

Mattapoisett Christmas Swim

All are invited to come out on Christmas morning, December 25 at 10:30 am, and swim the Mattapoisett Town Beach to raise money for Habitat for Humanity's work in Guatemala.

The swim will be the first fundraiser organized by a group of SouthCoast parents and their teenage children who will be traveling down to Guatemala over the April break in 2006 to build houses with the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity. The group hopes to raise enough money so that they will be able to build two additional homes in Guatemala.

Each swimmer is asked to give a minimum donation of $10 (payable the day of the swim) and the first 25 swimmers will receive a t-shirt as a token of appreciation.

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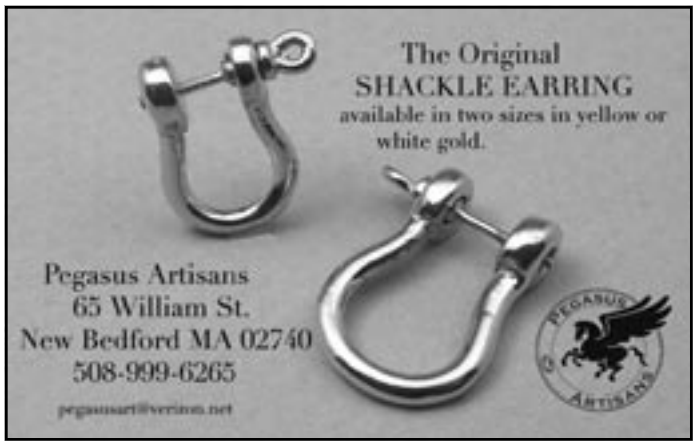

Rochester Scholarship Committee

The Rochester Scholarship Committee was established in 1996 for the purpose of providing scholarships to worthy Rochester senior high school college bound students.

Residents of Rochester have the opportunity to donate money toward this fund. When residents receive their real estate tax bill this month, there will be a yellow insert in the envelope for donations. Donations may also be mailed directly to the Rochester Town Hall, ATTN: Scholarship Committee.

The committee has been successful in prior years rewarding at least two scholarships per year and they encourage residents to continue their generosity to allow this endeavor to continue.

Upper Cape Honor Roll

Following are local students attending Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School in Bourne who made the Honor Roll for the first quarter of the 2005-2006 academic year:

• HIGH HONORS: Cody Geary (Grade 9, Marion); Ryan Cosman (Grade 12, Marion); Renee Leary (Grade 10, Wareham); Nicholas Huard (Grade 11, Wareham); Anthony Fontanez (Grade 12, Wareham); Brianna Garney (Grade 12, Wareham);

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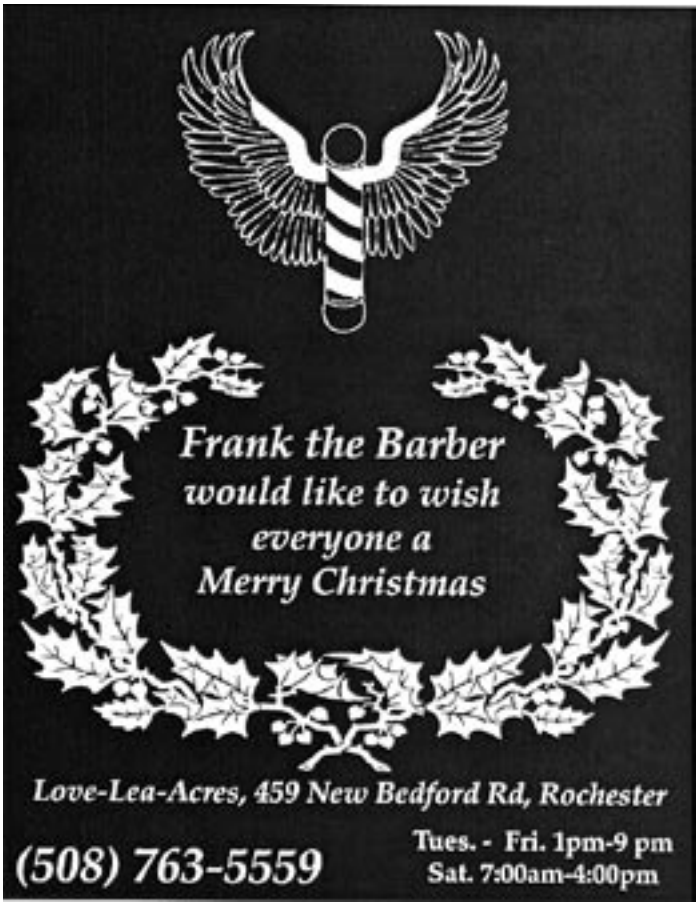

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Mattapoisett Transfer Station

The winter hours of the Mattapoisett Transfer Station are Thursday and Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, and Saturday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you have any questions, please call the Mattapoisett Board of Health at 508-758-4112.

Rochester Fire Permits

The Rochester Fire Department is in the process of updating the burning permit procedure. If your permit was issued before October 1, 2005, you must go to the Rochester Communications Center (located in the Rochester Police Station on Dexter Lane) and obtain a new Fire Permit Number. All permits will expire one year from the date of issue.

You must have a valid Fire Permit for the following:

- Residential Open Burning Season (January 15, 2006 through May 1, 2006);
- Agricultural Burning; and
- Cooking Fires.

Sorry for the inconvenience and thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please call 508-763-2611, extension 103.

Showstoppers Holiday Shows

The Showstoppers musical entertainment group will perform their Holiday Program at the North Dartmouth Mall on Saturday, December 17 from 11:30 to 1:00 pm on the stage in front of Old Navy. The local jazz combo, Mission Improvisation, will open for them at 11:00 am.

At 7:00 pm that night, the youth vocal troupe will perform its Fourth Annual Holiday Concert at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street in Marion. Both shows are free and open to the public. Come join them for an evening of entertainment, celebrating the holidays with secular and non-secular music everyone will love!

Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers

The Sea Shell Steppers Square Dance Club will host a square dance with a Snowflake theme on Saturday evening, January 7, from 8:00 pm until 10:30 pm at the Achusnet Council on Aging, 5-1/2 Main Street in Acushnet. The caller will be Jim Schell. For more information or directions, please call Ginny at 508-991-4307 or Jim at 508-947-9602.

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• December 18 – Lessons and Carols at 7:00 pm (no morning service); and

• December 24 – Christmas Eve Service at 3:00 pm with Reverend Dr. Kathy Gayoski.

NOTE: There will be no service on Christmas Day. The Congregation wishes everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday season!

Friends of the Elderly

On Friday, December 30, at 1:00 pm, come for some good laughs and see the movie, *My Cousin Vinny.* Popcorn, soda and coffee will be served. All this is free! Come to Mattapoisett Council on Aging (COA) rooms in Center School in Mattapoisett. See you there ... we hope!

Elizabeth Taber Library

Christmas Vacation

Monday and Wednesday, December 26 and 28, are Drop-In Activity Days. Learn about Hanukkah and Kwanzaa while making menorahs and Kwanzaa place-mats with materials available in the Children's Room during regular library hours.

Tuesday, December 28 at 1:30 pm: the Elizabeth Taber Library will celebrate Christmas for the Birds. Children ages 3 to 8 can hear stories of the season and create treats for the winter birds. Please register for this program by calling or stopping by the library.

Thursday and Friday, December 29 and 30, children of all ages can create "thank you" note paper and get hints on writing great "thank yous" with materials available in the Children's Reading Room during regular library hours.

Winter 2006

Every Saturday and Sunday during the winter are Drop-In Crafts Days in the Children's Room at the Elizabeth Taber Library in Marion. Children of all ages are invited to enjoy the activities.

Join Ms. Marsha for Family Storytime, a program for all ages, at 10:30 am on the second Saturday of January, February, March and April. There will be stories, songs, games and crafts. No registration is required; just come and enjoy a good time with your family.

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Winter Storytime for children between the ages of three and five begins the week of January 9, 2006 and runs through the week of March 13, 2006. Children are invited to enjoy stories, fingerplays and crafts on Monday mornings at 10:15 am or Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm.

The Elizabeth Taber Library is located at 8 Spring Street in Marion. The phone number is **508-748-1252**. More program information can be found on the library's website at **www.sailsinc.org/marion**.

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If you have any stories or other pictures of the Rochester Grange they are also looking for them. Many remember the Minstrel Shows, dances and the many other activities that were held at the Rochester Grange. That includes graduating from the eighth grade on their stage. These are all part of local history and it is hoped that these stories can be put together for others to read and enjoy. For more information, please contact Grange President Susan LaFleur at 508-295-8908, or email her at sash48@earthlink.net.

Sippican Lands Trust

The Sippican Lands Trust Duck Walk (or Waddle) will take place on Sunday, December 18 at 3:00 pm. Join Jo-Ann Watson and other SLT members as they look for rafts of winter ducks and seals that come to Marion for the winter. They'll carpool beginning at Planting Island Causeway, travel down Delano Road stopping at the Sippican Lands Trust property, Brainard's Marsh, and other

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Tri-County Music Fest

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Cans for Bands

Cans for Bands has returned to Old Hammondtown School in Mattapoisett on Thursdays from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in school's side parking lot. The drive will continue every Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00 pm to collect cans and bottles throughout the school year. "I hope that this will be a more convenient time for everyone interested in helping out the instrumental music program at OHS," said Band Director Stan Ellis. Please bring in your cans and bottles to help the school's young musicians.

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In addition to the Youth Ballet, the New Bedford Ballet School offers classes for dancers and aspiring dancers of all ages, from ages 3 to adult. Enrollment is open and new students are welcome to join anytime. Tuition starts at $36 per month. A limited number of scholarships are available through the New Bedford Ballet Foundation. For information about the Mini-Nutcracker, the Youth Ballet or the Ballet School, please call 508-993-1387 or visit www.newbedfordballet.com.

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Duke Ellington, the First Congregational Church UCC of Fairhaven began offering less-traditional music by hosting a series of special jazz vespers services.

"We wanted to try something different and offer a service that was simple, meditative, yet energizing," said Bette McClure, Pastor of the Fairhaven Church. "We aim to be part of the whole community and wanted to extend our welcoming hand beyond our membership with a worship opportunity for those that do not usually attend Sunday morning service."

First Congregational's music director Matt Richard — a jazz musician himself — had attended a jazz service in Manhattan this past summer and it inspired him to bring that type of worship to his home church. According to Mr. Richard, the idea of the jazz vespers service dates back at least to 1961, when St. Peter's Lutheran Church in New York City began holding worship services for those who could not attend on Sunday morning or desired a less traditional service. Many jazz musicians including Duke Ellington (composer of some of the greatest jazz works in history, including "Taking The A Train") attended these services and often made musical contributions as well.

The majority of the services are designed and led by Reverend Bette McClure with musical assistance from Richard. Held one Sunday evening each month, the service includes spiritual readings, prayers, a short three- to four-minute sermon, and silent reflection, along with several different pieces of jazz music. Each month, Mr. Richard and different jazz musicians he has recruited, play a prelude, postlude, offering and medley related to a theme chosen for that month.

At each of these all-volunteer services, a freewill collection is taken up and given to the themed specific mission need. Proceeds from the services have benefited local families at Thanksgiving, helped Gulf Coast relief efforts, contributed to the Native American Ministries fund, and are earmarked to benefit local families during the holiday season through the Neediest Family Fund.

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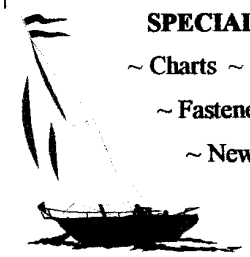

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"Our first service brought in about 25 people," said Reverend McClure. "Four months later it was up to 65 and we expect it to continue growing as word gets out. Nearly two-thirds of the people who attend are not presently members of the church, and many come from miles away."

"This is a great way to help people connect with the Holy," said Reverend McClure. "I received one comment from someone who said that they enjoyed the Jazz Vespers because Sunday morning was not their thing and they were looking for something different."

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The SouthCoast Affiliate Voice of the Faithful (VOTF) will be meeting on Thursday, December 15 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Friends Meeting House, 103 Marion Road (Route 6) in Mattapoisett. The guest speaker will be Reverend Jack Rathschmidt, OFM, CAP, from the Order of Friars Minor of the Capuchin Branch. Reverend Rathschmidt will speak on the subject titled "Being Responsible Catholics." A prayer service in celebration of the Advent Season will follow. Anyone interested in what VOTF is about and what VOTF is accomplishing is most welcome to attend. For more information, please look at VOTF's website at www.votf.org, or e-mail wsbamb@verizon.net. All are welcome!

Rochester Property Inspections

The Rochester Board of Assessors is notifying property owners that inspectors are now conducting property inspections throughout the town in 2005-2006. The inspection program conforms to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) requirement for the full measuring and listing of real property in town.

Inspections are conducted by authorized representatives of the Board of Assessors. The inspector will notify the property owner of his/her presence on the property when arriving on the premises. Each inspector will have a letter of identification and an ID badge from the Board of Assessors. The Rochester Police Department is notified each day when inspectors are active. Inspections will be made on both weekdays and weekends.

Property owners who are present when inspectors arrive are encouraged to participate in the inspection. The objective of the program is to ensure that property descriptions in the Assessors' Records are as current and accurate as possible. Property owners' cooperation with the inspection will assist in meeting the program's objective.

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Rochester Flag Photos

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Marion Art Center

Holiday Shop

The Holiday Shop at the Marion Art Center opened last Friday and continues until December 23. Over 100 people attended the gala event. Music was provided by Truman Terrell on the piano. Elegant hors d'oeuvres were donated by members of the Exhibition Committee. The items featured in the one-of-a-kind show and sale include shell-decorated mini trees by Mary Ross, holiday botanical gardens with paperwhites or amaryllis bulbs created by Sarah Brown, Liz Howland and M.T. Barr plus shell ornaments by Cathryn Collings, Alice Shire and Cathryn Wood to benefit the Art Center.

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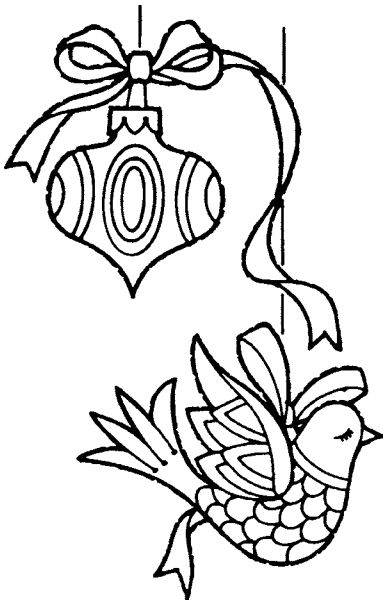

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The Holiday Shop at the Marion Art Center is open Tuesday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm, and Saturdays, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm until December 23. The Art Center is located at the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets in Marion and admission is free.

50th Anniversary

The Marion Art Center is planning to celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2007. Thanks to support from many people in southeastern New England, the center continues to fulfill its mission of promoting the visual and performing arts through exhibitions, plays, musicals, concerts, lectures, classes lessons and by supporting cultural and civic events in the community. Membership is open to the public. For more information, please call 508-748-1266 or check out the website at www.marionartcenter.org.

Mattapoisett Senior News

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Mattapoisett Seniors are invited to come out of the cold and join the COA every Wednesday at 12:00 noon for lunch with the Center School Kindergarteners. The menu choices are listed in *The Wanderer* Lunch Menus every week. Please notify the COA by Tuesday morning if you wish to attend. Cost is a $2 donation. Please call the COA at 508-758-4110 for a ride, if needed. Seating is limited!

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Fairhaven Blue Christmas

The First Congregational Church of Fairhaven will hold a Blue Christmas Service on Sunday, December 18 at 7:00 pm in the church sanctuary at 34 Center Street, Fairhaven. This special worship service is designed to acknowledge the mixed emotions we may be experiencing at this time of year. Using comforting music and readings, as well as quiet time for reflection, we will seek the peace of God's presence while giving thanks for the wonderful miracle of the birth of the Christ Child. All are welcome to attend and to invite others for whom this service might be

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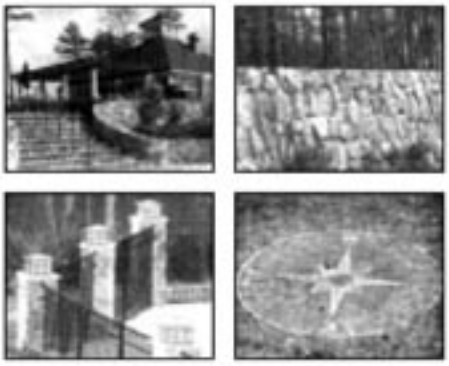

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Rochester Historical Society

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Something Old

The Plumb Memorial Library is the unofficial site for RHS memorabilia. Be sure to stop by and pick up a map of Rochester (1704, 1797 and 1854), postcards, throws, and books on interesting Rochester history.

Preservation is serious business and no one takes the business of preserving more seriously than the Rochester Historical Society. So when you come across anything Rochester-related — from a receipt for town taxes to a journal by great-grandma — please give their team a call. The giving of a gift, a loan or just a chance to copy these finds for their archives would be greatly appreciated. For all your paper discoveries, please call Librarian Sue LaFleur at 508-295-8908. For anything else, please call Curator Pam Robinson at 508-763-2035. "Rochester's past is a treasure we can't afford to lose."

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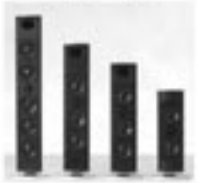
Sippican Lands Trust

The Sippican Lands Trust will host a Sippican Lands Trust (SLT) Duck Walk (or waddle) on December 18 at 3:00 pm. Join Jo-Ann Watson and other SLT members as they look for rafts of winter ducks and seals that come to Marion for the winter. The group will carpool beginning



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Mattapoisett Town Clerk

Office Hours

The Mattapoisett Town Clerk's office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, and on the first and third Tuesday of the month until 6:00 pm.

The Town Clerk's office will be closing at 12:00 noon on December 23 for the Christmas Holiday and will also be closed on Monday, December 26. They will reopen at 8:00 am on Tuesday, December 27. Happy Holidays from the Town Clerk and Staff!

Hunting/Fishing Licenses

The 2006 Hunting and Fishing Licenses are now available for purchase if you're looking for an extra stocking stuffer or holiday gift. A previous hunting license must be presented before a 2006 license can be issued.

Dog Licenses

The 2006 Dog Licenses will be available beginning January 3. Your dog's rabies vaccination must be up-to-date, and if your pet has been spayed or neutered since you last licensed, they will need to see the spaying/neutering certificate. The fee is $7 for spayed or neutered

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Mooring Inspections

If your mooring number is between A001 and G045 it must be inspected and the form turned into the Town Clerk's office before your payment for 2006 will be accepted. Letters were sent out in July along with the necessary form to be filled out and signed. Please take note on the form, any upgrades to the mooring and tackle must first be pre-approved and signed by the Harbormaster. If you did not receive this form and your mooring number is between the two mentioned please call the Clerk's office at 508-758-4103 or stop by and we will see that you get one.

Street Lists

The 2005 Street Lists are now available in the Clerk's office. The fee is $7.50.

Winter Choral Concert

The Greater New Bedford Choral Society will present its Winter Concert at 7:30 pm on January 7, 2006 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish at Saint James Church located at 233 County Street New Bedford. Under the direction of Gerald P. Dyck with Christopher Ricci as accompanist, the concert will feature both traditional and

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Three Moravian Carols, arranged by Phyllis Tate, is the third major piece and the program is completed with Elgar's *Angus Dei* and several other shorter pieces. The church is accessible to the handicapped. Admission is $10 and $5 for children 12 and under. Tickets may be obtained from chorus members and at the door. For more information, please call 508-636-2030.

Fairhaven Millicent Library

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During school vacation week, two programs will be held. On Wednesday, December 28, the Roger Williams Zoomobile will be visiting and presenting their Storytime Safari, with a story, craft and a live animal from the zoo. Choose from two sessions — one at 10:00 and another at 11:00 am. Space is limited and advance pre-registration is required. This program is great for Preschoolers through Grade 2 ... and even older kids, if they like animals!

On Thursday, December 29, Rhonda from South-Coast Music Together will be demonstrating her music and movement class at 9:30 and 10:30 am. This program is great for kids from birth to age 5. Space is limited and registration is required. Please note: if you don't sign up, you may not be able to enter the day of! Register for any of these activities by e-mailing Ms. Jen at **jinglis@sailsinc.org**, or by calling the library at 508-992-5342, or by stopping by.

Wareham Church Christmas

The Emmanuel Church of the Nazarene, corner of Sandwich Road and Cranberry Highway in Wareham, will host the following special holiday events:

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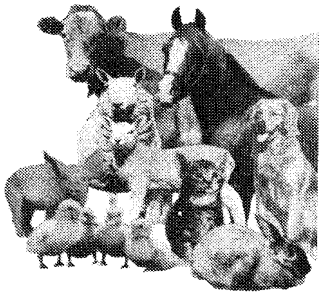

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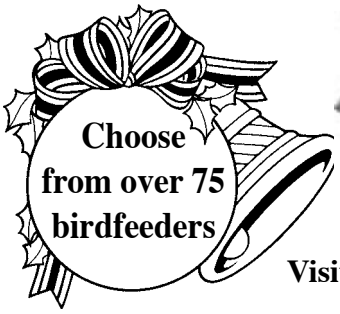
Breakfast with Santa

Breakfast with Santa will take place on Saturday, December 17 from 9:00 to 10:00 am. Enjoy a hot breakfast at the Bear's Den Cafe, meet Santa for a photo, and go on a Polar Express train ride, plus each child will receive a small gift. Prepayment and registration is required by calling 508-991-4556, extension 14. Cost is $10 per person for members; $15 per person for non-members; all children under 1 are free. Visit www.bpzoo.org.

Milk and Cookies with Santa

Have Milk and Cookies with Santa on Saturday, December 17 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Enjoy milk and cookies at the Bear's Den Cafe, meet Santa for a photo, and go on a Polar Express train ride, plus each child will receive



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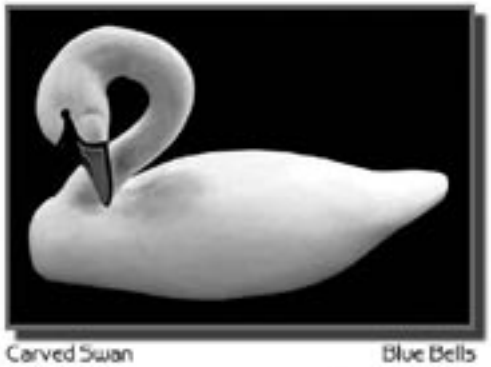

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Movie Review

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***Syriana.* Starring George Clooney and Matt Damon. Directed by Stephen Gaghan. Running time: 126 minutes. MPAA rating: R.**

If you take anything out of *Syriana*, it might be this: Global dependence on oil is insanely complex, guided by shady deals and murky violence, and there's nothing you can do about it. Except, perhaps, to make a convoluted Oscar-chasing holiday movie about it. *Syriana* was written and directed by Stephen Gaghan, who seems to have risen to grab the crown of Hollywood's Political Truth-Teller that Oliver Stone dropped long ago. The problem is that Gaghan, whose screenplay for the similarly conscientious and overpopulated *Traffic* won an Oscar, lacks Stone's skill at marshalling great chunks of data and dozens of characters and forging a rousing masterpiece (see *JFK*). Gaghan needed either an extra hour (ideally, an eight-episode HBO series) or fewer characters. *Syriana* probes a significant subject but treats its people as mere stick figures carrying exposition from place to place.

Who, for instance, is Bob Barnes? As played by a husky, bearded George Clooney, Bob is a loyal if exhausted CIA veteran, a flabby moth flying too close to the flame. Bob tells the truth about the Middle East, but the people in power have too much at stake in the oil fields. Bob is loosely based on the actual retired CIA agent Robert Baer, who, in his current status as film critic, has praised *Syriana*'s "accuracy." Maybe it is, but I'd hate to think Baer in real life is as colorless as Bob Barnes is written. Clooney, an old hand at casual masculine authority, does what he can to make Bob interesting, but the character is little more than a martyr.

A prominent Texas oil company loses its gas-drilling bid in the Middle East to the Chinese. Another company cozies up to Kazakhstan and wins drilling rights there. The two companies merge, and various people — the powerful and powerless, their motives often far from clear — buzz around the money. The talk (a lot of it) in *Syriana* is very obscure and knowing; Gaghan does catch the way powerful men address each other across glass tables or over cigars. The movie acknowledges the ambition of younger players like Matt Damon's energy analyst (who turns a personal tragedy into a cash register), Jeffrey Wright's Washington attorney (who keeps having to go home to his sourly disapproving dad), and Alexander Siddig's shrewd Prince Nasir, who's willing to do business as long as military occupation isn't in the contract.

The saturnine Alexander Siddig, projecting mystery and intelligence, steals the film. But his character is as ill-defined as any other. We meet two laid-off Pakistani field workers (Mazhar Munir and Sonnell Dadral) who fall under the thrall of an Egyptian and become suicide bombers, and Gaghan obviously means them to be two of the many threads that make up the huge codependent web of oil mastery (violence in Gulf nations keeps the political hot potato rolling and is good for business). But their story could be a movie in itself, and the scrap of screen time they get isn't enough for Gaghan to develop a plausible shift from hard-luck guys to terrorists. Everyone else labors under the movie's weight, too — Matt Damon's family-man character seems to capitalize on his tragic loss within minutes of the funeral, and poor Amanda Peet, as his wife, has nothing to do except look stricken. (She doesn't even get a great "I know you're a jerk but I'm staying with you because the lifestyle is worth it" speech like the one she skewered Ben Affleck with in *Changing Lanes*.)

Like *Traffic*, *Syriana* is aimed at the middle-aged, upper-middle-class white audience and structured as a position paper: This is why you should care about The War on Drugs or Our Dependence on Oil. Also like *Traffic*, the movie — liberal as it tries to be — draws on xenophobia. In *Traffic*, the sucker-punch message was that if drugs aren't decriminalized, your white daughter will sleep with black men. *Syriana* says that if we don't kick our oil addiction, our corporations and politicians will hop into bed (figuratively) with swarthy, corrupt Arabs. And both end up saying that the problem is too big for you to solve, anyway, so you might as well go home and hug your kids. Gaghan wants credit for merely pointing out the problem. Duly noted. In that spirit — and in the truth-telling spirit of Bob Barnes — I must point out that Gaghan, however well-intentioned, is better suited to writing op-eds than to crafting movies with characters we can care about.

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Family Stone (PG-13) – 12:45, 3:00, 5:10, 7:25, 9:40
Syriana (R) – 12:50, 4:10, 7:10, 9:45
King Kong (PG-13) – 12:00, 12:30, 3:50, 4:10, 7:30, 8:00
Just Friends (PG-13) – 12:40, 3:05, 5:05, 7:25, 9:25
Pride and Prejudice (PG) – 12:30, 3:50, 7:05, 9:40
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13) – 12:15, 3:30, 6:50, 9:50
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Family Stone (PG-13) – 12:10, 2:30, 4:45, 7:10, 9:25
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13) – 12:15, 3:30, 6:55, 10:00
Yours, Mine and Ours (PG) – 12:25, 2:35, 4:40, 6:50, 9:00
Walk the Line (PG-13) – 4:00, 7:05, 9:50
Chicken Little (G) – 12:05, 1:50
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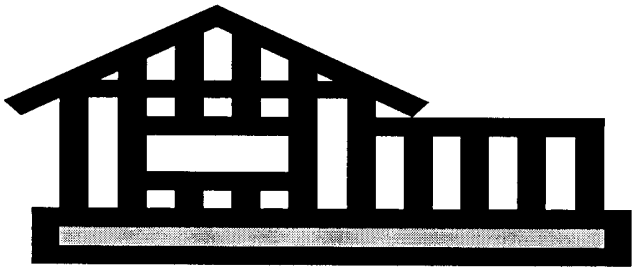

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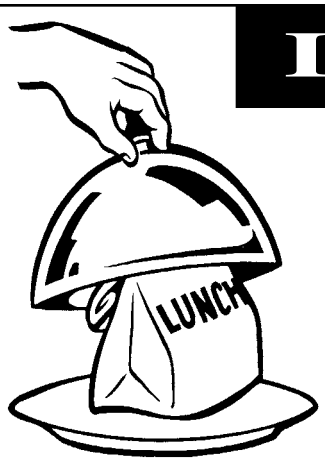

• ACUSHNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, December 19: Sloppy Joe on a bun, bologna sandwich, mashed potatoes, peas, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday, December 20: Baked chicken, ham sandwich, rice, corn, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, December 21: Pizza pockets, turkey sandwich, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 22: Hot dogs, bologna sandwich, baked potato puffs, carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, December 23: NO SCHOOL.

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Monday, December 19: Minestrone soup, veal pattie parmesan, rotini with sauce, scali bread, fruit smoothie.

Tuesday, December 20: Mexicali chicken with vegetables, Spanish rice, oatmeal bread, pineapple in light syrup.

Wednesday, December 21: Roast turkey with gravy, cranberry sauce, whipped potatoes, winter squash, dinner bread, merry-go-round cake, graham wafer.

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Friday, December 23: Fruit juice, Spanish omelette, hash brown potatoes, fruited muffin, banana.

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Monday, December 19: Chicken fillet or rib-a-que, oven baked fries, baked beans, chicken rice soup, chilled pears, milk.

Tuesday, December 20: Chicken nuggets, creamy mashed potatoes, steamed baby carrots, chilled peaches, chicken rice soup, milk.

Wednesday, December 21: Spaghetti and meatballs, warm garlic bread, Philly cheese steak pocket, tossed salad greens, minestrone soup, chilled pineapple, milk.

Thursday, December 22: Cheese pizza, tossed salad greens, clam chowder, orange slices, milk.

Friday, December 23: NO SCHOOL (*Christmas vacation begins*).

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Tuesday, December 20: Baked chicken, ham sandwich, rice, corn, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, December 21: Pizza pockets, turkey sandwich, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 22: Hot dogs, bologna sandwich, baked potato puffs, carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, December 23: NO SCHOOL.

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Monday, December 19: Chicken fillet or rib-a-que, oven baked fries, baked beans, chicken rice soup, chilled pears, milk.

Tuesday, December 20: Chicken nuggets, creamy mashed potatoes, steamed baby carrots, chilled peaches, chicken rice soup, milk.

Wednesday, December 21: Spaghetti and meatballs, warm garlic bread, Philly cheese steak pocket, tossed salad greens, minestrone soup, chilled pineapple, milk.

Thursday, December 22: Cheese pizza, tossed salad greens, clam chowder, orange slices, milk.

Friday, December 23: NO SCHOOL (*Christmas vacation begins*).

• OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, December 19: Bacon burger or cheeseburger, hash brown pattie, green beans, pineapple.

Tuesday, December 20: Steak'Um and cheese, French fries, corn, peaches.

Wednesday, December 21: Chicken parmesan with pasta, salad, roll, mixed fruit.

Thursday, December 22: Orange juice, pizza, chips, veggie sticks, dessert.

Friday, December 16: NO SCHOOL (*Christmas vacation begins*).

• OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, December 19: Chicken fillet or rib-a-que, oven baked fries, baked beans, chicken rice soup, chilled pears, milk.

Tuesday, December 20: Chicken nuggets, creamy mashed potatoes, steamed baby carrots, chilled peaches, chicken rice soup, milk.

Wednesday, December 21: Spaghetti and meatballs, warm garlic bread, Philly cheese steak pocket, tossed salad greens, minestrone soup, chilled pineapple, milk.

Thursday, December 22: Cheese pizza, tossed salad greens, clam chowder, orange slices, milk.

Friday, December 23: NO SCHOOL (*Christmas vacation begins*).

• OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JR. AND SR. HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, December 19: Chicken fillet or rib-a-que, oven baked fries, baked beans, chicken rice soup, chilled pears, milk.

Tuesday, December 20: Chicken nuggets, creamy mashed potatoes, steamed baby carrots, chilled peaches, chicken rice soup, milk.

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• SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Are you worried about returning them because you think you have a huge fine to pay? The Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester has the solution for you!

December is "Food for Fines" month at the library. Bring in non-perishable food items and deposit them in the Food for Fines Basket and the library will waive all accrued fines! The Food for Fines Campaign was developed by the Board of Trustees and staff to encourage the return of long overdue items. In the spirit of giving back to the community, the library will be collecting the non-perishable food items and presenting them to Damien's Place Food Pantry.

Items that are long overdue or have been considered lost by the library carry a maximum fine of $2 per item. Patrons will be charged cover price for items that are no longer returnable to the collection.

Here's your chance to start the New Year in good standing with your public library! For more information on this campaign, please call the library at 508-763-8600.

Dinner For Two

The Friends of the Plumb Library are once again selling the Dinner For Two Dining Books as a Holiday Fundraiser. The book features over $1,500 in FREE dinners, plays, concerts, and cruises. Some of the restaurants included are Domino's Pizza, Ma Raffa's, Mattapoisett Chowder House, Rochelle's, Riccardi's, and many, many others.

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Holiday in the Park

TOP: The Town of Mattapoisett once again sponsored their Annual 'Holiday in the Park' festivities on Saturday, December 10 at Shipyard Park. Special guests in attendance included none other than Santa and Mrs. Claus, their helper elves, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and Frosty the Snowman. (Photo courtesy of Barbara Sullivan).

MIDDLE: Three-year-old Emily Wilson of Marion enjoys a Christmas story read by Elaine Botelho (center) and Bobbie Gaspar at Mattapoisett's Holiday in the Park. Alison Feltman, far left, handed out candy canes during festivities as Santa made his annual arrival and local musicians filled the frosty air with Christmas carols. (Photo by Laura McLean).

BOTTOM LEFT: Santa and his friends arrived by Fire Engine to greet a group of happy children during the event. (Photo courtesy of Rebecca McCullough).

BOTTOM RIGHT: Santa poses with Caitlin Collier, daughter of Jeremy and Sarah Collier of Mattapoisett, during the photo-taking session at Mattapoisett's Holiday in the Park. (Photo courtesy of Rebecca McCullough).

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of the sale going directly into the Friends of the Plumb Library's "Programs for Children" Fund. These books make wonderful holiday gifts and are perfect as last minute items for that "hard to buy for" person. Pick one up at the Plumb Library and the Friends will gladly gift-wrap it for you!

Quilters Wanted

The Plumb Memorial Library is seeking individuals who are interested in starting up a Quilter's Group at the library. All skill levels are invited. This group would meet at the library every Monday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in conjunction with the well-established Knitter's Group. If you'd like to join or know someone who would be interested in participating, please contact the library at

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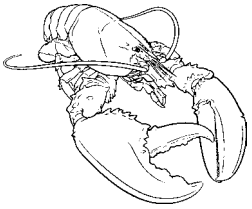

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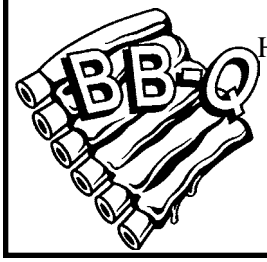

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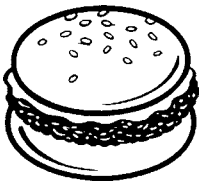

Tri-Town Happenings

Members of the Old Hammondtown School Concert Band recently played Holiday Music for the Mattapoisett Women's Club at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Band members included (back row, l. to r.) David Romanowicz, Mike Asci, Pierce Randall, Jack Thomas, Rachel Vincent, Alex Moceri, Hayden Vieira, (middle row, l. to r.) Nick Nadeau, Mike Tucker, Tom Tucker, Jake Jaskolka, Ian McLean, Kevin Tripp, Fred Murolo, Michael Bliss, Seamus McMahon, (front row, l. to r.) Abby Nadeau, Jaelyn Bunting, Teddy Costa, Katie Wilbur, Morgan Hawes, Katie Kiernan, Tom Gammell, Jacob Rioux, and Teddy Kassabian. (Photo by and courtesy of Sandy Thomas).

School Superintendent Dr. William Cooper and ORR High School Principal Bruce Clarke pose with Laurel Leake and Allison Browne who have been named Commended Students in the 2006 National Merit Scholarship Program. Laurel Leake, the daughter of Mr. and Ms. Luther Leake of Mattapoisett, is a senior at ORR. Last month she also received the Superintendent's Award for Excellence at the ORR District School Committee meeting. Allison Browne, the daughter of Mr. and Ms. Russell Browne of Rochester, is also a senior at the high school. According to the National Merit Scholarship Corpor ation, the Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than one million students who entered the 2006 competition by taking the 2004 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. (Photo courtesy of Jane McCarthy).

508-763-8660 for more information.

Knitting Group

A group of local knitters meet at the Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Join them for good conversation and sharing of knitting techniques and projects. This is an adults-only evening — *no children, please.*

Geneaology Club

The Rochester Geneaology meets on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester. The club is made up of members interested in meeting with others in the area who are working to trace their family history. New members are always welcome. Just drop in! For more information, please call the library at 508-763-8600.

Library Hours

The Plumb Memorial Library hours are: Monday 1:00 to 8:00; Tuesday 10:00 to 6:00; Wednesday 10:00 to 6:00; Thursday 1:00 to 8:00; Friday 10:00 to 5:00; and Saturday 10:00 to 2:00.

Upper Cape Nursing Exams

Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School's Practical Nurse Program has announced the dates of administration of the entrance exam required for admission to the program, for the 2006-2007 school year.

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47 Actress Hagen
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66 Novelist O'Flaherty
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74 MAIL CARRIER WANTED!
79 Outlaw
80 Barbara of "Perry Mason"
81 — St. Vincent Millay
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104 CHANDELIER SALESMAN WANTED!
110 Singer Davis
113 Paid player
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18 Llama turf
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35 Blue hue
36 Spiritual guide
37 Usher's beat
39 Stained
41 Toby, for one
42 Neighbor of Idaho
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44 A Karamazov brother
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51 "Gotcha!"
52 Antique
53 Senator Lott
54 Musical Myra
56 Building wings
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70 Murcia mister
72 Roger's "77 Sunset Strip" co-star
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75 Quitter's cry
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77 "— Bull" ('80 film)
78 Brink
79 Auction actions
84 Savage sort
86 Former Buffalo Bills player Don
88 Rachel's sister
90 Elated
91 Golfer Ballesteros
93 Short-timer
95 Survey
96 Joyce of "Roc"
97 Neighbor of Molokai
98 Lapidus or Lewis
102 Began
105 Press
106 Beethoven's "Moonlight —"
107 The — 500
108 Remnant
109 Impressive lobby
110 "— Pearl" ('71 hit)
111 Mature
112 Romero or Franck
117 Sicily's highest point
119 "QB VII" author
121 Israel's Barak
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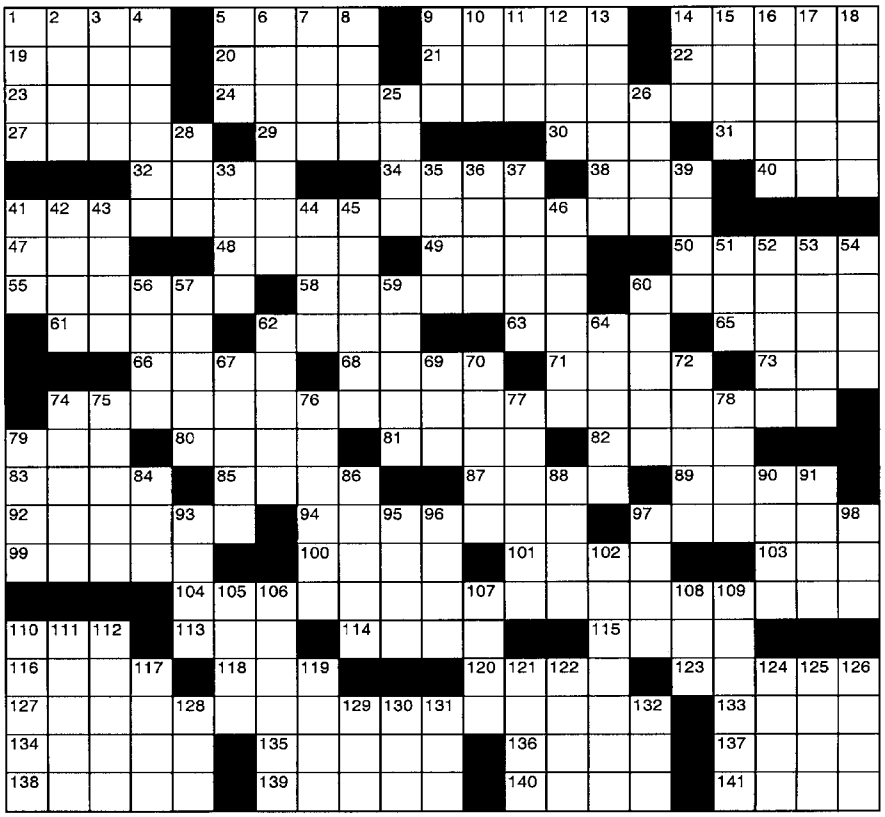

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) At this time you might want to resist that otherwise admirable Aries penchant for getting to the heart of a matter quickly. Keep in mind that a delicate situation calls for patience.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your aspects favor more diplomacy and fewer direct confrontations when dealing with a relationship problem. Avoiding hurt feelings can help in your search for the truth.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Positive aspects are strong this week. Although you might still have to deal with some problems caused by a recent period of turmoil, you are making progress, and that's what counts.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A family matter could benefit from your counsel. But don't come into it unless invited, and don't stay if you feel uneasy. Just remember to reassure one and all that you'll be there for them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) As the truth about an ongoing situation emerges, you could find that you were right to defer judgment before you had all the facts. Now would be a good time to move on to other matters.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your plans to take control of a personal situation because you feel you are best qualified could create resentment. Best to hear what everyone else involved in the matter has to say about it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Uncovering some surprising background facts about that ongoing personal matter could make you reconsider the extent of your involvement. A neutral family member offers advice.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Religious or spiritual themes start to dominate your aspect this week. This can serve as a counterweight to the mounting effects of the season's growing commercialization.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Taking on that recent challenge impressed a lot of important decision-makers. Meanwhile, proceed with your holiday plans, and don't forget to include you-know-who in them.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Disagreeing with an opinion you can't accept could be dicey, and your motives might be questioned. Best to wait to mount a challenge until you have support for your position.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Getting involved in helping others in this increasingly hectic period not only makes the generous Aquarian feel good, but you could also gain a more substantive benefit from your actions.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The Piscean way of thinking clearly and objectively helps you resolve a complex situation without creating any ill will. Don't be surprised if your counsel is requested on another matter.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of persuading people to look at the positive possibilities that make up any choices they might face.

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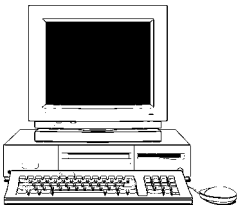
at Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School on the following dates: Saturday, January 21, 2006; Saturday, February 11, 2006 and Saturday, March 18, 2006 from 8:00 AM to approximately 1:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. Walk-in registration will *not* be accepted on the day of the exam. Seating is limited and students will be admitted to the test on a first-come, first-serve basis. The exam fee is $75 and payable only by cash or money order. For additional information or to receive a registration form via mail, please contact 508-759-7711, extension 277. Registration forms are also located on the school's website at www.uppercapetech.com.



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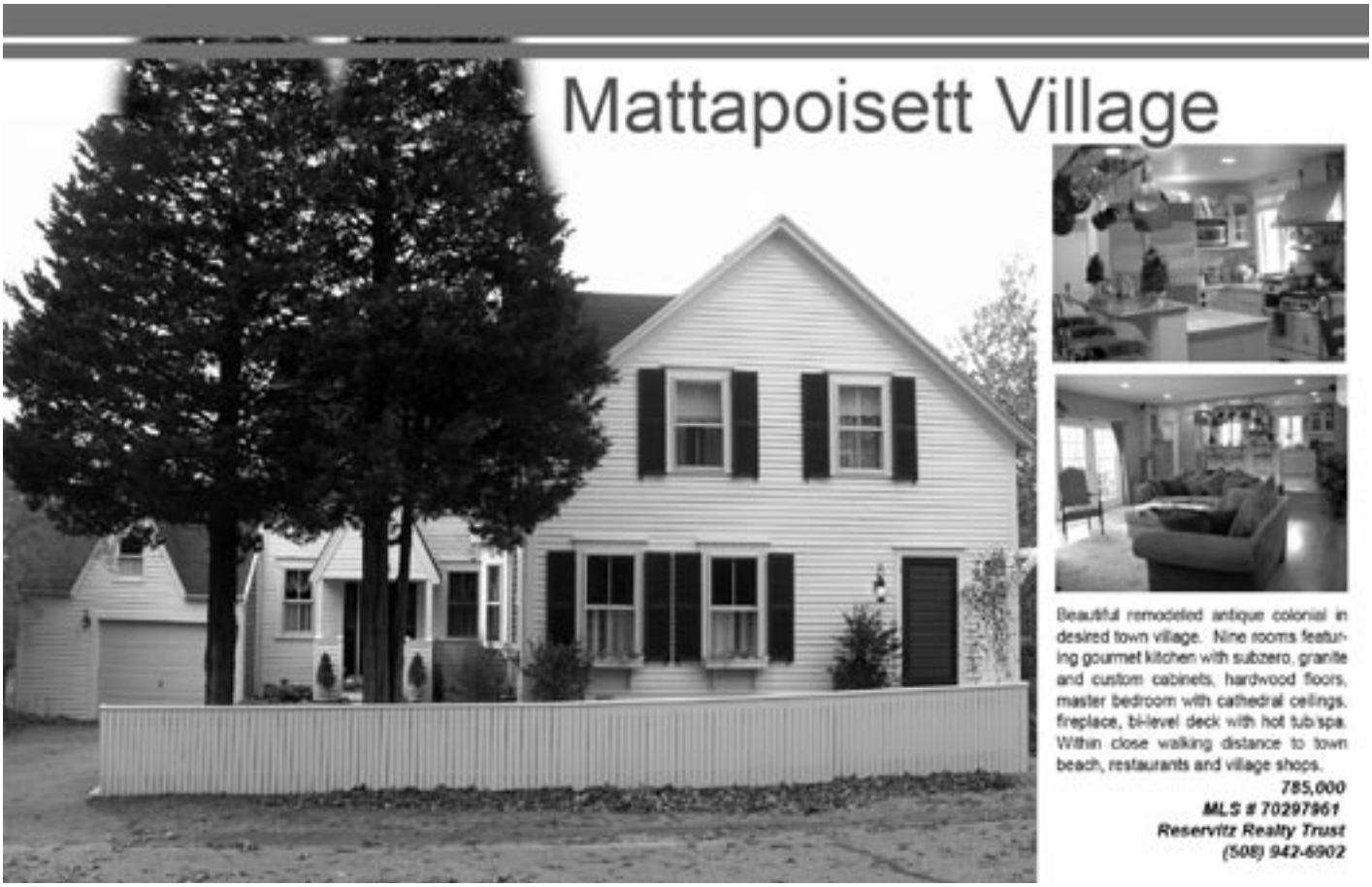

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CASE #580 The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 PM on Thursday, December 29, 2005 in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the application of Cameron and Jean Fordyce for a Special Permit under section 6.1.3 of the zoning by-law to allow construction above an existing kitchen for a small office and storage closet.
The property, located at 13 Aucoot Avenue, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 19 as Lot 13.
Robert D. Wedge, Chairman 12/08, 12/15

LEGAL NOTICE
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Antassawamock Club, Inc. will close its private roads to public traffic on Wednesday, December 21, 2005.
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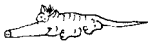
Antassawamock Club, Inc.
Caroline L. Megan, Secretary 12/08, 12/15

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 27, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by John & Sharon Spector, 6 Depot St., Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to demolish the existing dwelling, deck & shed, remove drive, to fill, construct new dwelling, garage, pool, drive & install utilities. The project is located at 6 Depot Street and is further identified as Lot 46 on Assessor Map 10.
Conservation Commission 12/15



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The winner will be selected from all the correct answers picked by the deadline and the prize will have to be picked up at our office. Only one entry per household per issue please.

To enter, simply find the aardvark in this issue, then go to our web page and select the link "I Found the Aardvark" entry page. If you would like to enter by mail, send your name, address and phone number along with the issue date and page number you found him in to: Wanderer - I Found the Aardvark, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

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Marion Council on Aging

Parkinson's Group

The Parkinson's Support Group held at the Dartmouth Council on Aging (COA) will not be meeting until March due to the uncertainty of the weather.

PACE Assistance

PACE Fuel Assistance applications are now available. Please bring verification of income, identity and residency.

Senior Stretch

Senior Stretch has now moved back to the First Congregational Church Community Center. This exercise program is held on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. Funding for this program is made possible through the generosity of the Friends of Marion Visiting Nurses.

Shopping

The Senior Van travels to the Stop and Shop in Wareham on Tuesday.

Town Nurse

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This is the sixth time and third year in a row that Old Colony has received a national Outstanding Service Project Award. This year the award was received for the service project "It's in the Bag." This project involved making tote bags for residents in local nursing homes to use with their wheelchairs or walkers, or to place on their beds. NHS members also personally delivered the bags and visited with the residents to show that someone was thinking of them and to brighten their day.

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Old Colony members traveled to Washington, DC one day early to experience some of the sights of our nation's capital. They visited Arlington National Cemetery where they witnesses the "Changing of the Guard" at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and visited other points of interest. At the Smithsonian Institution, they visited the Air and Space Museum, the American History Museum, and the Natural History Museum. They also went on a "Washington After Dark" bus tour where they visited the Jefferson, Lincoln, Vietnam, Korean and FDR Memorials.

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December 18:	Sun.	9:30	9:55	2:16	3:16
December 19:	Mon.	10:11	10:41	3:00	3:52
December 20:	Tues.	10:53	11:26	3:45	4:31
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December 24:	Sat.	1:40	1:48	7:38	7:49
December 25:	Sun.	2:29	2:42	8:47	8:42
December 26:	Mon.	3:22	3:41	9:44	9:30
December 27:	Tues.	4:17	4:39	10:34	10:16
December 28:	Wed.	5:12	5:34	11:24	11:02
December 29:	Thurs.	6:03	6:25	. . .	12:09
December 30:	Fri.	6:53	7:15	12:00	1:04
December 31:	Sat.	7:43	8:06	12:40	1:54
January 1:	Sun.	8:32	8:56	1:32	2:41

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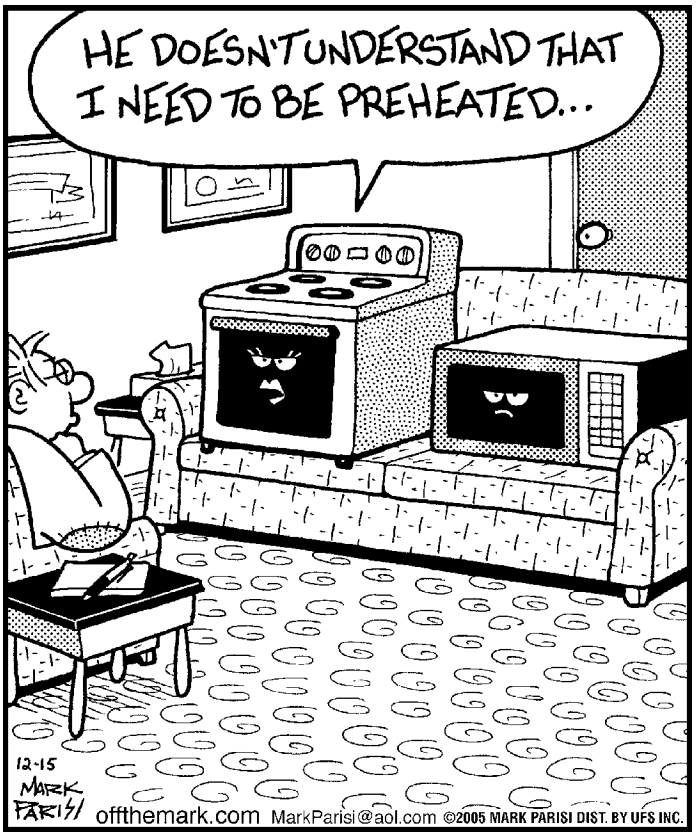

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